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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Arthur R. FERGUSON ) Confirmation No.: 8672  
Application No.: 10/693,689 ) Group Art Unit: 3617  
Filed: October 27, 2003 ) Examiner: Edwin L. SWINEHART  
For: MARINE STEERING SYSTEM HAVING SWIVEL BRACKET FORMING  
HYDRAULIC CYLINDER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2005, to which a response is due, along with a one-month extension of time, by Monday, April 10, 2006, please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.